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Helping the Homeless During Extreme Hot Weather Emergencies

Mayor Thomas M. Menino and the City of Boston recognize that extremely hot weather poses hardships for homeless people who are elderly or disabled, struggle with alcohol or drug addiction, suffer from medical conditions such as diabetes or high blood pressure, or who take medications that cause sensitivity to the hot sun. The Mayor has asked the Emergency Shelter Commission to offer the following information as part of a citywide effort to respond proactively to well being of homeless persons during the heat wave. Thank you.

Be Our Eyes And Ears

If a person in need approaches you or you observe someone needing help, and you believe this may be a medical or safety emergency, please contact 911 immediately.

Passed Out or Suffering from the Heat and Sun?

If a person appears passed out, do not assume they are “just drunk,” instead call 911. People can become dehydrated rapidly in extremely hot weather and anyone “passed out,” lying in the sun or badly sunburned is medically at risk.

Water, Water Everywhere

Many homeless people do not have ready access to water. It is both compassionate and helpful to offer bottled water to homeless persons in addition to sunscreen or hats for sun protection. Suggesting moving into shaded areas may also help someone with sun or heat exposure.

A Place to Stay Inside

Homeless shelters listed below offer people who are particularly vulnerable or at risk of heat-related health problems the option of staying in for the day or coming early during hot weather advisories.

Helping the Homeless - Heat and Hot Weather Contact Information			
<u>Emergency Contacts</u>			
Medical/safety emergencies	911 (from land phone) or 617-343-4911 (from a cell phone)		
Non-emergency concerns	617-635-4500 for the Mayor’s 24 Hour Service		
<u>Emergency Shelter Resources</u>			
Woods-Mullen Shelter	617-534-7100	New England Center for Homeless Veterans	617-248-9400
Long Island Shelter	617-534-2526	Pine Street Inn	617-892-9100
Shattuck Shelter	617-971-3229	Rosie’s Place	617- 442-9322
<u>Daytime Centers and Drop-Ins</u>			
St. Francis House	617-542-4211	The Women’s Lunch Place	617-267-1722
Weintraub Day Center	617-534-7100	Cardinal Medeiros Day Center for Older Adults	617-619-6960

IF A HOMELESS PERSON APPEARS TO BE AT RISK, PLEASE DIAL **9-1-1**